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Nader Establishes Close Links with IPS

In a move that could seriously undermine their image as protectors of the "public interest," Ralph Nader and his raiders have recently been observed making alliances with the extreme left.

On January 31, in his role as chief of the Center for the Study of Responsive Law, Nader held a joint news conference with the Government Accountability Project of the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) to attack President Reagan for allegedly understaffing the bureaucracy at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The IPS, a collection of radicals, Socialists and Marxists, has played a key role over the years in apologizing for Communist movements and governments and working to restrict the operations of U.S. corporations and intelligence agencies.

Three days later, on February 3, the editor of a Nader-owned publication, *Multinational Monitor*, held a joint news conference with the notorious anti-American magazine, *CounterSpy*, to blast the U.S.-supported nuclear power program in South Korea. *CounterSpy*, of course, specializes in smearing businesses, labor unions, and U.S. government agencies as fronts for the CIA. Its practice of identifying the names of CIA agents, thus making them vulnerable to terrorist attack, was recently outlawed by Congress.

Multinational Monitor, which is published by Nader's Corporate Accountability Research Group, advertises itself as a magazine "for people who believe that the decisions made by giant corporations are everybody's business."

While conservatives don't necessarily hold a brief for the multinationals, especially the big banks that have lent billions of dollars to the Communist-bloc countries, the thrust of *Multinational Monitor* is that U.S. corporations are a negative force in the world today and need to be restrained or controlled by the U.S. government, foreign regimes and the United Nations.

The January 1983 issue of *Multinational Monitor* attacked Jeane Kirkpatrick, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, and the Heritage Foundation, for criticizing U.N. attempts to implement such restraints and controls.

The same issue favorably reported on a Washington conference which attacked the role of British, South African and American corporations in

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tured a representative of SWAPO, the Communist-backed terrorist group fighting for control of Namibia, who said that foreign corporations can play no "useful role" for the people of that country.

Some headlines from recent articles in *Multinational Monitor* include: "Big Business Means War"; "Trinidad Takes Over U.S. Oil Firms"; "Mozambique: Health Care Without the Companies"; "Textile Industry Exploits Women Workers"; and "Reagan Going All Out for Big Business."

In an interview, the editor of *Multinational Monitor*, Tim Shorrock, indicated that he was a Socialist who favors "public decisions about major economic policies." He also said that socialism involves "deciding that we don't want to have our CIA train the Korean CIA to unleash its violence against Korean worker groups to keep their wages low so American multinationals and Japanese multinationals can come in and exploit Korean workers."

In commenting on his connection to *CounterSpy*, Shorrock defended the publication and said he favored the abolition of the CIA. He even defended *CounterSpy*'s exposure of Richard Welch as a CIA agent before his murder by terrorists in Greece in 1975. "Every once in a while you're going to release a name of somebody who may be the target for somebody," he explained. "That's something that happens when you do investigations."

On other topics, Shorrock said, "I don't think the KGB is a threat," and "I support a lot of what the Cuban government does."

Whether Ralph Nader approves of his editor's association with *CounterSpy* magazine remains an open question. The self-styled leader of the "consumer movement" was out of town and unavailable for comment.

But there should be no question about Nader's sympathy for the IPS, which is openly pro-Socialist and whose co-founder, Marcus Raskin, was once connected with *CounterSpy*. *Multinational Monitor* previously offered a free copy of *Global Reach*, a book on multinational corporations by Richard Barnet, the other co-founder of IPS, during a drive for subscriptions. In a recent fund-raising letter, Nader himself praised Barnet as a "leading scholar" on the subject of corporate influence.